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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Geographic Research
ATTENTION: Acting Chief, Geography Division
SUBJECT: Soviet Black Sea Coast

1. SAC, on 1 September, requested on an urgent basis, a study of roughly a 50 mile belt inland from the Black Sea coastline and extending from the Turkish Border in Europe around to the Turkish Border in the East. This is of the highest priority because it is in support of immediate, critical, and continuing peacetime operations.

2. We note considerable related information in your comprehensive GR-67, Evasion Geography of Fourteen Selected Areas in the Northern Black Sea Region, February 1955. However, the purpose of GR-67 was to select Safe Areas for wartime E&E, whereas this request is for intelligence to assist peacetime exfiltration of the Soviet periphery.

3. The report should be classified SECRET/NOFORN and will have very restricted distribution. We will be glad to assist in the reproduction if you desire. Any maps and photography essential to supplementing the text may be cut to three sets.

4. This intelligence is also of immediate interest and will be made available to DDP/DPD and DDP/SR.

5. Because of the urgency of this request, it is desired that the report be completed by 1 October 1959.

6. Per our earlier conversation, I am passing this request to you for action. If you cannot handle it on a timely basis, please let me know and I will attempt to make other arrangements.

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